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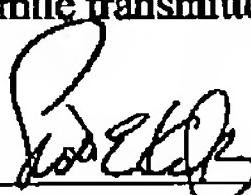
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant responds to the non-final Office Action mailed June 29, 2004. No fees are believed due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized charge any required fee to Deposit Account, No. 06-1448, reference IQA-004.02.

Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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